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FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, CONSULATES FROM ADCM CALDERHEAD

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SUBJECT: PRINCIPAL OFFICERS/CONSULAR CONFERENCE

1. DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY HAVE CONCLUDED BEST INTERESTS ALL CONCERNED WILL BE SERVED IF COMBINED CONSULAR OFFICERS/ PRINCIPAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE HELD MEXICO CITY DEC 6-10.

2. DECEMBER 6 AND MOST OF DEC 7 WILL BE DEVOTED TO IMMIGRANT VISA MATTERS. TIJUANA, CIUDAD JUAREZ, MONTERREY AND GUADALAJARA SHOULD BE REPRESENTED BY SENIOR CONSULAR OFFICER IN CHARGE VISA SECTIONS. WE SHALL ALSO HAVE ON HAND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EMBASSIES AT SANTO DOMINGO, PORT AU PRINCE, KINGSTON, BOGOTA, AND BRIDGETOWN.

3. LATE AFTERNOON DEC 7 AND/OR PART MORNING OF DEC 8 WILL BE DEVOTED TO NONIMMIGRANT VISAS, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION WELFARE AND PROTECTION MATTERS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON FEASIBLE WAYS TO COORDINATE GOM PRISONER PAROLE PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TREATY/LEGISLATION PROVIDING THAT PRISONERS CONVICTED OF DRUG OFFENCES IN MEXICO MAY SERVE SENTENCE IN THE COUNTRY OF THEIR NATIONAL ORIGIN. FOR THIS THIRD DAY SEGMENT WE ANTICIPATE PARTICIPATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS FROM MERIDA, NUEVO LAREDO, MAZATLAN, AND MATAMOROS, AND THE CONSULAR OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF VISA AND WELFARE PROTECTION MATTERS AT THE FIVE CONSULATES GENERAL.

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4. THURSDAY, DEC 9 WILL, IF NECESSARY, CONTINUE DISCUSSION

OF WELFARE AND PROTECTION MATTERS AND EXPAND TO PASSPORT, CITIZENSHIP, FEDERAL BENEFITS AND GENERAL CONSULAR MATTERS.

5. FRIDAY, DEC 10, WILL BE DEVOTED TO POL/ECON/COMM/MIL/PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS.

6. THE FIVE CONSULS GENERAL ARE REQUESTED BE PRESENT WEDNESDAY, DEC 8, FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, AND FOR TALKS AMONG THEMSELVES ON MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST. THESE TALKS WILL LOGICALLY LEAD INTO DEC 9-10 GENERAL FORUMS.

7. WHILE IN PCINCPLE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL OFFICIALS ATTEND ALL SESSIONS, THERE IS NEITHER FUNDS NOR SPACE TO PERMIT UNLIMITED PARTICIPATION. THEREFORE, TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS WILL COVER TIMEFRAME OF SPECIFIC SEGMENT IN WHICH GIVEN OFFICER WILL PARTICIPATE PLUS ONE DAY FOR GENERAL CONSULTATION.

8. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING SCA ADMINISTRATOR WALENTYNOWICZ, SCA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN DEWITT, VISA OFFICE DIRECTOR JULIO ARIAS, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES DIRECTOR ALAN GISE AND PERHAPS OTHER SCA OFFICIALS IN ATTENADANCE, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVE FROM IMMIGRATION NATURALIZATION SERVICE. ARA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBERT GERSHENSON ALSO PLANS TO BE WITH US, AS DOES OFFICER CHARGE MEXICAN AFFAIRS JOHN DREYFUSS.

9. REQUEST ALL POSTS SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS BY COB FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

10. ADDITIONALLY, EACH PO IS REQUESTED SUGGEST NAMES OF OFFICERS WHO SHOULD IDEALLY REPRESENT POSTS AT EACH SEGMENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

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